

# More than half of Premier's supply chain women or minority-owned

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Premier Health was recognized for the diversity of its supply chain, which last year included more than 55 percent of its construction spending going to minority- and women-owned businesses.

The Dayton-based health care system said in a statement it received the 2017 Supplier Diversity Award and the Supply Chain Management Excellence Award from Vizient, an Irving, Texas-based purchasing and performance improvement company.

This news outlet [previously reported](#) on how as health systems invest hundreds of millions into construction, minority and women-owned businesses have benefited from landing bids on the projects.

Premier's annual goal is to spend at least 40 percent of its construction budget with minority or women-owned firms, which it has exceeded the past two years.

"We have several outreach programs and events that help us connect with minority- and women-owned businesses," Adrian Taylor, director of diversity, said in a statement. "We are also part of organizations that help us identify these businesses and get them in the pipeline for consideration."

This is the second consecutive year Premier Health has won this award.

"We are committed to providing high-quality care at a competitive price and we are able to achieve that in part by allowing nurses to devote more time to their clinical duties and empowering our supply chain professionals to purchase our clinical supplies," Mary Boosalis, president and CEO of Premier Health, said in a statement. "At the same time, we work to provide opportunities to expand our vendor base to include minority and women-owned businesses."